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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON TO VISIT CAIRO AND ISRAEL

REF: STOCKHOLM 410

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY MFA THAT THE PROJECTED VISITS OF SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON TO CAIRO AND TEL AVIV (REFTEL) ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE FEB. 24-25 AND APRIL 22-23, RESPECTIVELY.

2. ALTHOUGH VISITS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY IN STOCKHOLM, DAGENS NYHETER FEB. 12 CARRIED STORY DATED CAIRO FROM ITS MIDEAST CORRESPONDENT AKE RINGBERG, SPECULATING ON ANDERSSON'S TRIP TO EGYPTIAN CAPITAL. SINCE ANDERSSON WILL BE IN CAIRO ONLY TWO WEEKS AFTER SECRETARY KISSINGER VISIT TO SAME CITY. RINGBERG POINTS OUT THIS WILL ENABLE FOREIGN MINISTER TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE REPORT ON MIDEAST SITUATION. ACCORDING TO RINGBERG, ANDERSSON IS EXPECTED TO MEET PRESIDENT SADAT AS WELL AS FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY.

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3. THE DAGENS NYHETER CORRESPONDENT ASSERTS THAT THE EGYPTIANS ARE AWARE OF THE TRADITIONALLY CLOSE RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN THE SWEDISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND ITS COUNTERPART IN ISRAEL, AND THAT THEREFORE THE VISIT TO CAIRO IS SEEN "AS AN INDICATION OF INCREASED UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ARAB SIDE IN THE CONFLICT WITH ISRAEL." SWEDEN'S VOTE IN FAVOR OF INVITING PLO LEADER ARAFAT TO SPEAK BEFORE A PLENARY SESSION OF THE UNGA HAS ALSO BEEN DULY NOTED IN CAIRO, RINGBERG WRITES.
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